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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE RECOGNITION OF SANDINISTA PROVISIONAL
GOVERNMENT

1. THE SO-CALLED "PANAMANIAN COMMITTEE FOR SOLIDARITY
WITH THE PEOPLE OF NICARAGUA" REPORTEDLY HAS SENT A
CABLE TO PRESIDENT CARTER CONDEMNING THE PRESENCE OF
U.S. "CIVIC-MILITARY ADVISERS SUPPORTING THE TYRANNICAL
SOMOZA REGIME IN THE CURRENT CIVIL WAR" IN NICARAGUA.
ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED "CRITICA" OF
SEPTEMBER 12, THIS COMMITTEE INTENDS TO SEND A DELE-
GATION TO THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, USSOUTHCOM, TO
PROTEST THE "ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO THE SOMOZA REGIME
FROM THE CANAL ZONE." SOUTHCOM ADVISES THAT IT HAS
BEEN CONTACTED BY THE COMMITTEE, AND THAT SOUTHCOM'S
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER WILL MEET WITH ITS REPRESENTATIVES
TODAY.

2. "LA ESTRELLA" OF AUGUST 12 CARRIES AS ITS LEAD STORY
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A REPORT OF THE FORMATION BY THE SANDINISTAS OF A
PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT TO REPLACE SOMOZA, AND THE
SANDINISTAS' CALL FOR IMMEDIATE RECOGNITION OF THAT
GOVERNMENT. THERE IS A VERY GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT
PANAMA, GIVEN ITS STRONG SYMPATHY FOR THE SANDINISTAS
AND ANTIPATHY FOR MOZA, WILL RECOGNIZE THE PROVISIONAL
GOVERNMENT. DIKEOS

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